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August 14, 2003

Mary Lou Soscia
Environmental Protection Agency
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1200 Sixth Avenue
Seattle, WA 98101

Dear Mrs. Soscia

The Spokane Tribe has been involved in the Columbia River Temperature TMDL and appreciate your efforts at keeping the Tribes involved and abreast of the project. The allocations within the temperature TMDL required a certain amount of modeling and speculation as to where the greatest changes needed to be made in order to meet the applicable water quality standards. In order to assist the tribes in understanding what went into the modeling efforts and potentially what it would mean to us was beneficial.

As the Columbia River Total Dissolved Gas (TDG) TMDL trails the temperature TMDL we were asked if another technical session with 3rd party consultants would be necessary. At this time, with our knowledge of TDG, its sources, and the lack of complex modeling involved we find it unnecessary to involve a consultant to work with the Tribes in providing another level of input to the process.

We do however wish to continue working with the above mentioned groups at reducing both temperature and dissolved gas for those waters of the reservation. Thank you for your work and diligence.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brian Crossley'.

Brian Crossley
Water & Fish Program Manager
Spokane Tribe of Indians